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SUBJECT: CSCE: MIGRANT WORKERS ISSUE

BEGIN SUMMARY: INTRODUCTION BY SPAIN OF PROPOSAL TO PLACE  
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ISSUES OF MIGRANT WORKERS IN BASKET II  
ELICITED STRONG SUPPORT BY EIGHT CO- SPONSORS OF SPANISH PROPOSAL  
AND OTHERS. INITIAL EASTERN REACTIONS EQUIVOCAL BUT REPLETE WITH  
INNUENDOES THAT DISCUSSION IN DEPTH THIS ISSUE IN CONTEXT CSCE  
WOULD PROVE EMBARRASSING TO " WESTERN" STATES CONCERNED AND THAT  
IT MIGHT BE PREFERABLE TO REFER MATTER TO MORE APPROPRIATE FORA.  
END SUMMARY.

1. YUGOSLAVS TABLED AMENDMENT TO HUMAN CONTACTS SUBCOMMITTEE  
MANDATE ( BASKET III) ON MAY 18, WITH OBJECT OF INCLUDING SOCIAL  
CONDITIONS OF MIGRANT WORKERS IN SUBCOMMITTEE' S PURVIEW. FOL-  
LOWING INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER INTERESTED COUNTRIES,  
YUGOSLAVS AGREED TO PLACE MIGRANT WORKER QUESTION IN BASKET II  
AND TO DROP IT FROM BASKET III WHILE LEAVING THEIR LANGUAGE IN  
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BASKET III IN BRACKETS PENDING WORKING GROUP CONSENSUS TO  
THREAT ISSUE IN BASKET II.

2. IN WORKING GROUP ON BASKET II ON MAY 22, SPAIN AND EIGHT  
OTHERS INTRODUCED PROPOSAL TO INCLUDE " THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL  
ASPECTS OF MIGRANT LABOR" IN MANDATE FOR SUB- COMMITTEE ON  
COOPERATION IN OTHER FIELDS. FOLLOWING STATEMENTS OF SUPPORT  
FOR SPANISH PROPOSAL BY MOST CO- SPONSORS, USSR OFFERED FOLLOWING  
INITIAL REACTIONS, TO WIT: (1) PROBLEM WAS NOT OF DIRECT CONCERN  
TO ALL EUROPEAN STATES OR THE US AND CANADA (" THE USSR FOR  
FIFTY YEARS HAS FOLLOWED THE PRACTICE OF NON- DISCRIMINATION  
AGAINST PEOPLES AND EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK"); (2) THE ISSUE  
WAS A DELICATE, COMPLICATED AND MULTI- DIMENSIONAL PROBLEM FOR  
THE " WESTERN" STATES CONCERNED, AND (3) BECAUSE OF THE ABOVE  
CONSIDERATIONS IT MIGHT BE PREFERABLE TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER  
IN MORE APPROPRIATE FORA, SUCH AS THE ILO. THE USSR, HOWEVER,  
RESERVED ITS RIGHT TO ADDRESS THIS PROBLEM MORE FULLY AT A  
LATER TIME. HUNGARY GENERALLY SUPPORTED THESE PRELIMINARY  
SOVIET REACTIONS BUT SUGGESTED POSSIBILITY THAT ISSUE COULD BE  
VETTED BRIEFLY IN CSCE BEFORE REFERRAL TO OTHER FORA.

3. SPANISH PROPOSAL WILL BE SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION IN SUB-  
SEQUENT MEETING OF WORKING GROUP.

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